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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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In the Matter of the Petition of Vincent Maligno,

Petitioner,

-against-

**PETITION** 

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ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK, ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK, REGIS HIGH SCHOOL, USA NORTHEAST PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS, BROOKLYN COUNCIL AND TEN MILE RIVER SCOUT CAMP,

Respondents	X
STATE OF NEW YORK	)
COUNTY OF RICHMOND	)SS.: )

Petitioner Vincent Maligno, having been duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- My name is Vincent Maligno. My current address is 41 Forest Green, Staten
  Island, New York 10312. My date of birth is April 26, 1946.
- 2. In 1961, when I was 15 years old, I was a member of Boy Scout Troop 136 in Borough Park, Brooklyn, New York. My troop met at Pershing Junior High School. During 1961 I made plans to go to Scout Camp with my troop at Ten Mile River Scout Camp for a two week period.
- 3. Mass was made available daily at Ten Mile River Scout Camp, and I attended mass on my first day at camp. It was on that date that I met Fr. John Farrand, S.J., who was the Camp Chaplain. Fr. Farrand asked if anyone wanted to train as an altar boy and earn the religious badge. I volunteered and met with Fr. Farrand after mass. At that first meeting he encouraged me

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to open up to him about any issues I had. At his urging, I disclosed to him that I was concerned I was not developing in the same way as other boys. Fr. Farrand said he would examine me, and instructed me to go in his cabin with him.

- 4. Once in his cabin, Fr. Farrand instructed me to disrobe and lie down in his bed, he then performed his "examination," which involved fondling my genitals. Throughout the two weeks at Scout Camp, Fr. Farrand arranged to be alone with me and initiated sexual contact with me on a daily basis.
- 5. Based on the above, I respectfully requested that this Court grant my application for pre-action discovery in its entirety.
- No prior application for the relief sought herein has been made to this or any 6. Court or Justice.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, based on the aforesaid, and all affidavits and exhibits annexed hereto, Petitioner, Vincent Maligno, respectfully requests that, pursuant to CPLR § 3102(c), this Honorable Court grant Petitioner's application for pre-action disclosure, and Order Respondents to produce the following:

- (1) All documents and/or records with respect to any sexual abuse or misconduct complaints or allegations against John Farrand, S.J., obtained, received, reviewed, created, an/or generated by any of the Respondents, as well as any of their investigators, agents, or employees, including but not limited to any audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, notes, records, correspondence, emails, memoranda, and/or reports, in connection with any sexual abuse, physical abuse or misconduct complaints or allegations against John Farrand, S.J., who was employed by, lived at, and taught at Regis High School until spring of 1961 and was thereafter a Summer Chaplain at Ten Mile River Scout Camp in the Summer of 1961;
- The entire personnel file of John Farrand, S.J. who was employed by Regis High School between 1957 and 1961 and the Boy Scouts of America Greater New York Counsel and Ten Mile River Scout Camp in 1961, including but not limited to any background checks and/or references given and received by respondents;

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(3) The entire Assignment Records (or Assignment File) for John Farrand, S.J. who was employed by Regis High School between 1957 and 1961 and the Boy Scouts of America Greater New York Counsel and/or Ten Mile River Scout Camp in 1961;

- All documents and records in connection with the response(s) or lack of response(s) to any sexual abuse or misconduct complaints or allegations against John Farrand, S.J., including but not limited to all audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, notes, records, correspondence, emails, memoranda and/or reports, obtained, received, reviewed, created, and/or generated by any of the Respondents, as well as any of their investigators, agents, or employees, or by any administrator, official, supervisor, employee, or agent of Respondents who received and/or was notified of such complaint(s) or allegation(s);
- Any and all applications for the position of Summer Chaplain submitted by John Farrand, S.J., including any and all background checks and references;
- Complete records and files for Vincent Maligno, who attended Ten Mile River Scout Camp in the Summer of 1961 with Troop 136 from The Boy Scouts of America Greater New York Councils, Brooklyn Councils, including but not limited medical records; academic records; disciplinary records; and/or records of any complaints by him, about him or with respect to him;
- **(7)** Full and complete employment folder and/or personnel folder for John Farrand, S.J. maintained by all of the respondents;
- Documentation and/or payment records for any and all payments made to or on behalf of John Farrand, S.J. for services provided as Summer Chaplain at Ten Mile River Scout Camp in 1961, and identify of any individuals and/or entities that received payment on his behalf;
- Any and all background checks and/or references requested, obtained and/or provided regarding John Farrand, S.J.;
- (10) Any and all documents regarding abuse by John Farrand, S.J. including but not limited to any and all references requested by and/or supplied to subsequent employers.

Dated: September 30, 2019 Brooklyn, New York

Sworn to before me this

30 day of September, 2019

**BREANNA OCONNELL** Notary Public - State of New York NO. 010C6393436 Qualified in Richmond County Commission Expires Jun 17, 2023

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